

## REMARKS

### I. Status Summary

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 13-16, 18, 20 and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 12-14, and 16-18 have been rejected by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter the "Patent Office"). Claims 15, 20, and 22 are allowed.

Claims 1-14, 16-19, and 21 have been cancelled herein without acquiescing to the contentions of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and without prejudice to the filing of a continuing U.S. patent application directed to the subject matter of these claims. The specification has been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification as filed. No new matter has been added. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment C, claims 15, 20, and 22 will be pending in the subject application.

Reconsideration of the application as amended and further in view of the remarks set forth herein below is respectfully requested.

### II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office has indicated that claims 15, 20, and 22 are allowable.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Patent Office's indication of the allowability of claims 15, 20, and 22. Accordingly, since these claims are presently the only claims pending, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance pertaining to these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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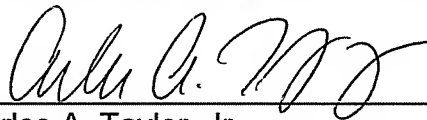
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Respectfully submitted,

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